

Senator Cardin's County and Municipal Governments Guide to CARES Act Funding

Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) – \$3.5 billion available nationwide

What can the allocated funding be used for? The CARES Act supports child care and early education programs by including \$3.5 billion for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This funding will allow child care programs to maintain critical operations, including meeting emergency staffing needs and ensuring health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, and other workers deemed essential by the Governor so they may access child care while they respond to the pandemic. In order to prevent the financial collapse of child care centers, funds can be paid by the state to child care providers even with decreased enrollment or closures related to COVID-19.

What is the formula for state, county and city assistance? This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute CCDBG funding to states.

How much funding will Maryland receive? In Maryland, this will provide \$45,484,102 in supplemental appropriations. Combined with the \$73,319,016 recently awarded to the state from Fiscal Year 2020 funding, this provides a total of \$118,803,118 for CCDBG.

How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding? The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will automatically award the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) the funding. MSDE will allocate the funding to qualified child care centers throughout the state.

Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding? Yes. Funding may be used to reimburse previously expended funds prior to the enactment of the CARES Act, state entities are encouraged to require as a condition of receipt of funds that child care centers utilize a portion of the supplemental CCDBG funds to continue to pay the salaries and wages of staff. In addition, this funding will remain available to the state for three fiscal years.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) – \$1 billion available nationwide

What can the allocated funding be used for? \$1 billion is provided for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to help communities address the consequences of increasing unemployment and economic disruption as a result of COVID-19. Allowable activities include transportation services, including transportation to medical appointments, employment services, housing, and emergency services such as providing shelter and energy assistance.

What is the formula for state, county and city assistance? This utilizes the existing formula used to distribute CSBG funding. 90 percent of funding will be allocated to the state's designated Community Action Agencies (CAAs). There are 17 CAA's in Maryland that provide services to every Maryland county. The [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development](#) maintains a list of the state's designated CAAs.

How much funding will Maryland receive? Overall, Maryland is estimated to receive \$13,719,817 in funding.

How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding? The Department of Health and Human Services will automatically award this funding to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. The [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development](#) maintains a list of the state's designated CAAs. The state will then distribute funding to the CAAs to assist qualified individuals throughout the state.

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Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing CSBG funding? Yes. If a CAA does not fully exhaust their CARES Act CSBG funding, the funds shall carryover for the new two fiscal years to be utilized for the purposes of assisting individuals facing unemployment and economic disruption as a result of COVID-19.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) – \$900 million available nationwide

What can the allocated funding be used for? LIHEAP funding can be utilized to assist low-income households with heating and cooling bills in their homes, weatherization, and energy-related low-cost home repairs or replacements. LIHEAP funds are prioritized for low-income families with household members that include the elderly, disabled, and/or a young child.

What is the formula for state, county and city assistance? Funding is allocated on a formula to states primarily based on the state's average weather, fuel prices, and low income population.

How much funding will Maryland receive? This will provide \$34,145,000 in supplemental LIHEAP funding.

How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding? The Department of Health and Human Services will automatically award this funding to the Maryland Department of Human Services' [Office of Home Energy Programs](#). Funding will then be distributed by the state to qualified low-income Marylanders.

Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding? No.